(c) Based on the recommendations of the workshop it is proposed to initiate consultations with the State Governments as transport is a State subject.

Status of Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi towns

2784. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Najafgarh, NareJa and Nangloi towns are in the category of urbanised towns;

(b) if so, the details of the notifications etc. issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for including these towns in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c)The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has informed that the village *abadisoi* Najafgarh, Nangloi Sayyed and Nangloi Razapur ceased to be rural areas *vide* notification No. RNZ/526, dated 23rd May, 1963 andTCO/ 82/47, dated 23rd April, 1982. As per the recommendations of Master Plan of Delhi, 2001 the settlement of Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi are to be part of Urban Extension of Delhi urban area.

Agreements with foreign countries on urban development

2785. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with urban affairs were sent to foreign countries for further co-operation and development in the urban areas during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects of mutual interest discqssed with them; and

(G) the names of the countries with whom agreements were signed alongwith the details of each agreement?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of delegation who visited foreign countries during the last two financial years and the current financial year (upto 31 -07-2002) are given in the Statement.

Statement

Names of the members of the delegation who visited foreign countries from 1-4-2000 to 31-7-2002

SI. No.	Name of the members of delegation	Name of the country/ countries visited from 1-4-2000 to 31.3.2002 and 1.4.2002 to 31.7.2002	Details of outcome/ agreements signed during the visit (s)
1.	(i) Shri Ananth Kumar Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (ii) Shri S.S. Chattopadhyay Secretary, (Urban Employment and °overty Alleviation) (in/ Jshri A. Roy Chaudhary, Chairman-Managing Director, National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited	Visited Iran during 9—11, April, 2002 on the invitation of Government of Iran	The members of the delegation met Housing Minister of Iran, Mayor of Tehran and Chairman, Tehran Metro and held discussions on the possible areas of cooperation between the two countries in the field of urban development.
2.	(i) Shri Ashok Pahwa Former Secretary (UD) (ii) Shri V. Suresh Former Chairman and Managing Director, HUDCO	Visited U.S.A. during 10-11, April, 2000	The delegation was sent for discussions/ negotiations with USAID officials for raising the second tranche of US $20 million from the US Capital market under USAID-Housing Guarantee Programme.